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# Tiger Kills again!

## Deaths So Far...

- Oct. 26: Rajashekar, Bennegere near Mullur
- Oct. 31: Doddaningaiah, Kurnegala
- Nov. 7: Chowdanayaka, Hale Heggudilu

**Bandipur, Nagarahole safaris stopped**

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (MTY&BS)- In a suspected case of tiger attack, a 44-year-old farmer was found dead this morning in a low-lying pit near his agricultural field at Hale Heggudilu village, bordering Bandipur Forest in Saragur taluk.

This marks the fourth attack and third fatal human-animal conflict reported in Saragur taluk within just 15 days, heightening fear among villagers and mounting pressure on Forest Department personnel, who have been conducting intensive combing operations for over 20 days to trap the tigers that have been terrorising the area.

***Chowdanayaka** (inset), **whose body was found near his agricultural field in Hale Heggudilu, Saragur taluk, this morning. Picture right shows the angry mob of villagers gathered at the spot.***

The deceased has been identified as Chowdanayaka alias Dandanayaka alias Swamy. He had gone to his field around 7.30 am to plough the land using a pair of oxen tied to a yoke. He was preparing the land to sow chia seeds (locally known as ghel) when he is believed to have been attacked by the tiger.

**Oxen return raises alarm**

When the oxen returned home with the ropes of the yoke still tied around their necks, Nayaka's wife Rukmini sensed something was wrong. Accompanied by neighbours, she rushed to the field about 1.5 km away, where she found only a few tilled rows of land — but no sign of her husband.

Blood stains and pieces of flesh were soon found nearby. Following the trail, villagers discovered Chowdanayaka's semi-nude body in a pit located downhill from the field. The tiger had eaten part of his head, face and left thigh.

**(See TIGER on page 7)**

# 1 fake company... 7 fake pay slips... and Rs. 65 lakh... loan fraud!

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (BCT)- A major loan fraud case has come to light in Mysuru, where seven individuals allegedly used forged salary documents to obtain personal loans from a nationalised bank.

The accused, all employees of a dubious software firm, are reported to have collectively defrauded the bank of Rs. 65.95 lakh.

The case, uncovered during an internal audit, has prompted the Narasimharaja Police to investigate procedural lapses and failures in document verification.

The seven allegedly defrauded the State Bank of India (SBI) N.R. Mohalla Branch by submitting forged salary documents and securing personal loans amounting to Rs. 65.95 lakh.

**(See LOAN FRAUD on page 6)**

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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Friday 7th November 2025


Science Sanje

## Talk on 'From Computing to Composing' tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 7- As part of 'Science Sanje' event, Kalasuruchi and Kutuhali-Kannada have organised a talk on 'From Computing to Composing' by Sunil Koshy, Co-Founder, From Mug to Mike, Bengaluru, at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar on Nov. 8 from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Sunil Koshy is an award-winning singer, Composer, Vocal Coach, TEDx speaker and Academician. He is the Co-Founder of From Mug To Mike — a platform for amateur singers, along with his wife, Archana Hallikeri.

He has collaborated with legends like Hariharan, K.S. Chithra, Kumar Sanu, sung and composed for films, jingles and dance dramas. A case study on From Mug To Mike has been published

*Sunil Koshy*

on Ivey Publishing and is available on Harvard. This case study has been taught and discussed at Melville University, Canada, MDI Gurgaon and other colleges.

An elective on Music, Communication and Management has been developed by Sunil and is offered in colleges like M.S. Ramaiah, Chanakya University and others.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE FORGOTTEN FOUNDATION OF PEACE: ***We all dream of a better world where peace, happiness and harmony reign, don't we? No one would like degradation of the environment, loss of human lives due to wars and murders, dehumanisation through poverty and troublesome social, economic and political conditions. But the question is, what are those values and how can such a socio-politico-economic system be established, which has those values and which will enhance human experience and enable men and women to have such lifestyle as can make such a society viable?***

***Looking around, it can be said that much of the conflict in society today is due to a lack or absence of tolerance. It is tolerance of difference in views, diversity of religious beliefs and cultures, plurality of races and nations, etc., that brings about unity and co-operation and that, in turn, leads to making concerted efforts for the amelioration of the miserable condition of the world.***

***Tolerance is easy where one is confronted with civilised and wise people, but one has to have a higher degree of tolerance if one is confronted with persons who are compulsive, vile and wicked and for this, one is required to develop in the self, the supportive values of good-will, patience, introvertness, calmness and love that is uppermost among these all. Our present sorry state is the result of neglect of those values. It is not that science and technology or management skills have caused our present sufferings.***

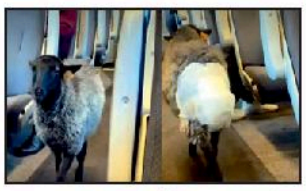
***On the other hand, it is the fall in the standards of morality that has prevented even science and technology and management or administrative ability from giving us their full fruits.***

***Moreover, it is not that people do not know that moral values are necessary to build a happy and peaceful society. People wish to have moral qualities in their life but they do not have that spiritual knowledge that should enable them to successfully follow these values in their life nor do they know that kind of Meditation which should make the values stay in them and should give them a deep experience of peace and happiness. Thus, the need of the hour is that we create a mass awareness among people for values like tolerance, humility, mutual respect in order to realise our dream of a world where there is peace, happiness and harmony.***

*— Brahmakumar Nikunj in Deccan Herald*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Diaper-wearing sheep takes a train ride!



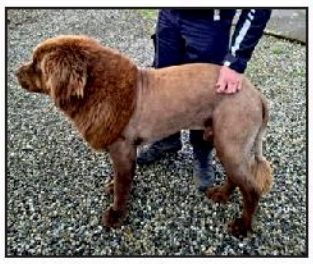
Warsaw: A diaper-wearing sheep's journey aboard a high-speed train in Poland is going viral after a video was captured by a lawmaker who was not amused by the spectacle.

Mariusz Krystian, a Member of Parliament for the conservative Law and Justice Party, posted video he captured aboard a PKP Intercity train on the Pendolino line between the cities of Krakow and Warsaw.

Mariusz Krystian, a Member of Parliament for the conservative Law and Justice Party, posted video he captured aboard a PKP Intercity train on the Pendolino line between the cities of Krakow and Warsaw. Krystian criticised the sheep's owner for the unconventional means of livestock transport, as well as the train service for allowing it. The video shows a sheep, dressed in a diaper, walking through the train's aisle in between seats.

But PKP Intercity rules allow animals to be transported on its trains, provided they are wearing diapers and properly ticketed.

### 'Lion' on the loose was dog with a haircut



County Clare: Police in Ireland investigating a viral video of a "lion" on the loose in the woods of eastern County Clare discovered the animal was in fact a Newfoundland dog "with a fresh haircut."

Gardaí stationed in Killaloe opened an investigation after a video captured by a truck driver showed what appeared to be an African lion wandering in the woods.

Gardaí said on social media Tuesday that the animal had been found and identified.

John O'Reilly, the local forest manager said, "The animal had been seen before by harvesters working on the site, but it was from a distance, moving through the trees. We assumed it was a deer before the video was captured."

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Chronic stress damages blood vessels in the brain and raises stroke risk.

*By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed A.R. - Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon (Cerebrovascular and Endovascular Surgery) - Manipal Hospital, Mysore*

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## MGP meeting ahead of National Consumer Day

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (BCT)- National Consumer Day, observed annually on Dec. 24, marks the enactment of the Consumer Protection Act of 1986.

To foster meaningful engagement ahead of National Consumer Day, the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) is organising its November monthly meeting with key officials from the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Mysuru District.

The meeting will be held on Sunday (Nov. 9) at 4 pm at 6/1 Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, Mysuru. Food and Civil Supplies Department Joint Director Dr. Manteswamy and Assistant Director B.C. Mohan will lead the discussion on consumer rights and Departmental initiatives.

In today's marketplace, consumers are far from being treated like royalty. In the private sector, merchants and contractors often act as if they're doing us a favour, not serving us. In the public sector, citizens — who are meant to be the masters — are routinely treated worse than subordinates by civil servants.

National Consumer Day is a reminder to reclaim our rights and demand the respect we deserve, both as consumers and as citizens. For details contact Ph: 0821-2515150.

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- *Trumpeter swans are the largest native waterfowl and heaviest flying birds in North America. Their wingspans can reach up to 10 feet!*
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- *One swan can take care of several offspring.*
- *Swans are over-protective.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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## VOICE OF THE READER

# New Flyovers: Was vehicle movement assessed?

Sir,

I was surprised to read the front-page news item ***'Mysuru to get 2 new flyovers'*** (*Star of Mysore* dated Oct. 31).

There should have been at least a preliminary, back-of-the-envelope study to assess the economic benefits before spending money on a Detailed Project Report (DPR).

In addition, for an investment of this scale, have Public Works Department (PWD) engineers examined whether there was any discussion on the need for such a project or at least a mention in the Mysuru Master Plan 2031, even to justify preparing a DPR? To my knowledge, there is none.

It is also not clear if a comprehensive transportation study has been conducted to assess vehicle movement in the proposed flyover areas.

When environmentalists or heritage enthusiasts raise objections — even at the DPR stage — there are always critics who dismiss us as armchair protesters. However, the reality is quite different. We should be taken seriously by both the authorities and the elected representatives.

Having been involved with projects of various kinds during our careers, many of us possess sufficient expertise to assist the developers with our experience. It is encouraging to note from your article that once the DPR is ready, opinions will be sought from the public as well as the elected representatives.

In my view, the PWD should hold a public hearing even at this stage of preparing the DPR to involve concerned Mysureans.

In cyberspace, there is already serious discussion on this project.

By holding such a preliminary hearing, the PWD will benefit from public input — helping to prepare a better DPR or even reconsider the project altogether, thereby saving both money and effort.

**— Bhamy V. Shenoy,**
**Founding Working President,**
**Mysore Grahakara Parishat**
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# Banana Festival in city from tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 7- The world of bananas is vast. From birth to death, bananas are an integral part of life, with hundreds of varieties differing in taste, colour, size and height. As the birthplace of bananas, India boasts hundreds of varieties. In the forests of North-eastern States, wild bananas dominate the landscape.

Karnataka is home to unique varieties such as Kamalapura Red Banana, Elakki Baale, Nanjangud Rasabaale, Kallu Baale, Naati Baale, Boodu Baale, Hampi Sugandhi, Sakkare Baale, Hulibaale and Chukke Baale. Madarangi grows to impressive heights, with its stems resembling pillars. Kodagu's 'Finger Banana' variety fruit resembles like human fingers.

Unfortunately, the arrival of commercial varieties like Robusta and Cavendish has led to the decline of native varieties.

To celebrate the diversity of native bananas, Sahaja Samrudha, in collaboration with Keystone Foundation and Using Diversity, is organising a Banana Festival at Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry in Mysuru on Nov. 8 and 9 from 10 am to 8.30 pm.

Prasad Rama Hegade from Sirsi, who conserves more than 100 banana varieties, will exhibit rare Red Banana, Ice-cream Banana, Kadali and others. B.P. Ravi Shankar of Ponnampet will display rare Finger Banana.

On Nov. 9, ICAR-JSS Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Suttur, will host a banana cooking contest. Food lovers can make recipes from banana at home and bring to the festival at 12 noon.

On Nov. 9 at 10.30 am, Kisan Bandi will host art competition for children (5-12 years), who can draw paintings on banana culture, cultivation and usage. For details call: 90086-03222.


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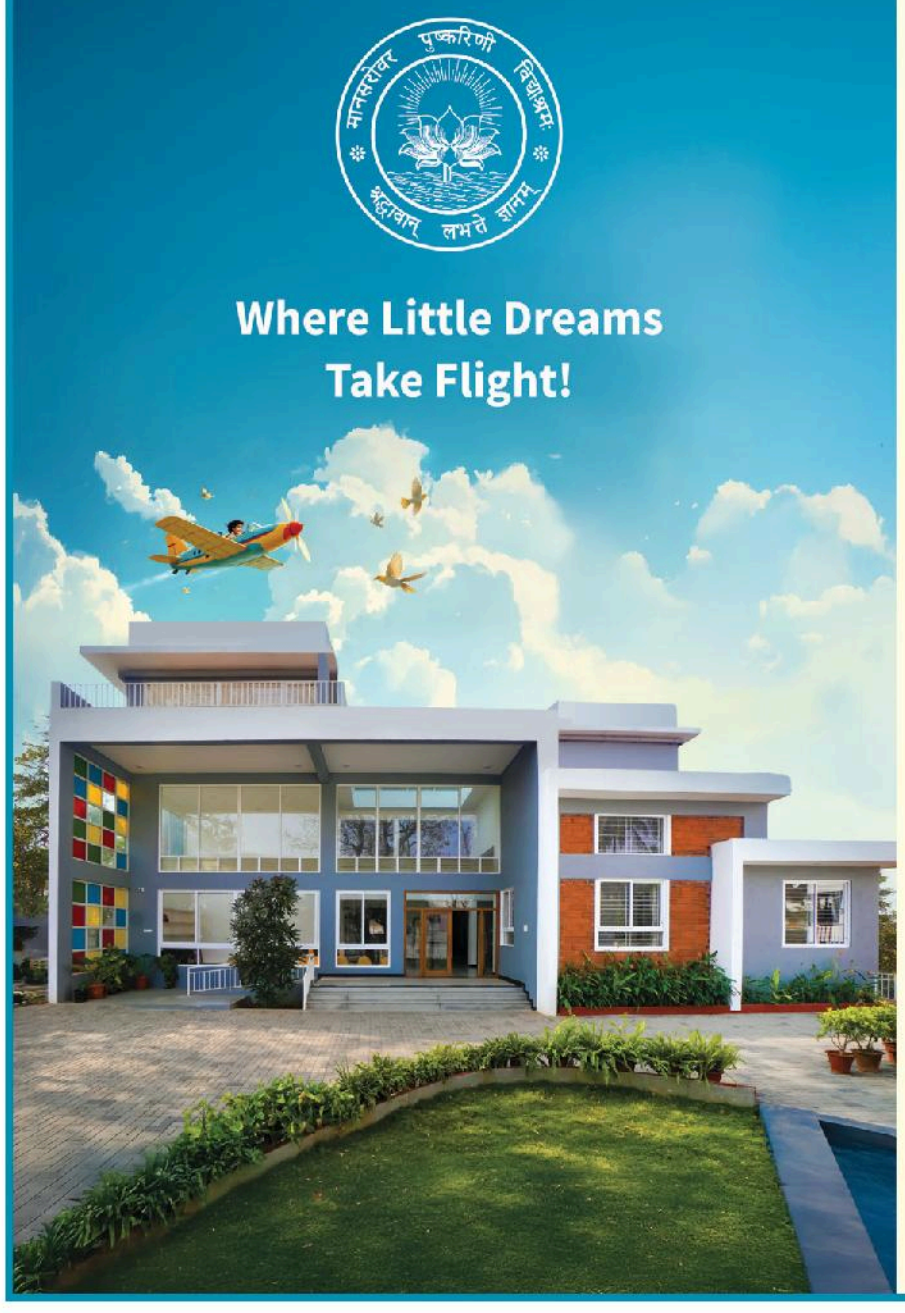


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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Rangoli, Sobane Pada contests

As part of Adi Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Jatra Mahotsava, scheduled to be held from Jan. 15 to 20, 2026, Rangoli drawing and Sobane Pada singing competitions have been organised at Suttur Sri Kshetra in Nanjangud taluk on Jan 15. Both men and women are eligible to participate in the competitions. Cash prize and citation will be given to the winning troupes. For details contact JSS Mahavidyapeetha Jatra Mahotsava Office on Ph: 0821-2548212/122 or Co-Conveners H. Divya, Dr. Deepak and D.R. Deepu respectively on Mob: 87628-40430, 77955-59212 and 97397-93231. Last date for enrolling names is Dec. 31, 2025.

### Free Urology camp from Nov. 10

The Government Ayurveda College, New Sayyaji Rao Road in the city, has organised a month-long free Urology check-up and treatment camp (Urinary Calculi/ Kidney stone) at its Shalyatantra Out Patient Department (OPD), from Nov.10 to Dec. 12. The camp will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on all working days. For details, contact Dr. Caroline on Mob: 94494-12309, according to a press release.

### Free health camp

NJS Charitable Trust, Mysuru, in association with Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha, will be conducting a free health check-up camp at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira on Kabir Road, Mysuru, from 9.30 am to 2 pm on Nov.11. For details, call Mob: 94487-53597 or 99161-55453.

### Peripheral Cancer Centre to come up in Mysuru

Bengaluru, Nov. 7 (BS)- The State Cabinet has approved the construction of Peripheral Cancer Centre at the premises of PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road in Mysuru.

The Cabinet which met here yesterday gave its approval for purchasing required medical equipment at a cost of Rs. 94.55 crore for the Cancer Centre. The Centre will come up adjacent to Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (Jayadeva Hospital) already functioning at PKTB Sanatorium premises.

# 91 malnourished kids, but empty beds...

- Child Rights Panel Chairman expresses resentment over discrepancy
- Facility to treat malnourished kids at Cheluvamba Hospital has no takers
- Boxes of cereals, grains to prepare special diet for treatment found empty

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (MTY&BS)- Mysuru district has identified 91 malnourished children, yet the beds at the exclusive ward meant for the treatment of affected children at Cheluvamba Children's Hospital in the city remain empty, alluding at the discrepancy in reaching out to the needy.

Shashidhar Kosumbe, Chairman of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), expressed his resentment over lacunae noticed in the treatment of children suffering from malnutrition, during his inspection visit to the city yesterday.

Kosumbe, who enquired the health of children suffering from malnutrition, inspected the children's ward, new-born kids ward, kitchen and other facilities at the hospital, besides interacting with the parents of the children, to collect their feedback.

*Shashidhar Kosumbe, Chairman of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Children's Rights, carrying a kid during his inspection at Cheluvamba Children's Hospital in city yesterday as others look on.*

**Empty boxes**

What angered Kosumbe was, the lack of required ingredients to prepare 32 types of nutritious diet to boost the health of children. As per norms, undernourished children, should be provided grains and cereals. However, most of the boxes meant to store the ingredients, kept in the kitchen were empty, only to irk the visiting dignitary.

When the doctors present during the inspection, apprised Kosumbe over filing the indent for obtaining essential ingredients, the latter reprimanded them, for not preparing the indent beforehand.

"You (doctors) hold the responsibility of protecting the health of children, but it is condemnable that there is no stock of essential ingredients to prepare nutritious diet," he said.

The new-born children's ward was inspected only to find two kids sharing the same warmer, following which the hospital authorities were warned against repeating the same.

**Many programmes...**

Speaking to media persons, he said, 'The Government has implemented several programmes to eradicate malnutrition among children. The officials have been told to take steps to reach the benefits to eligible beneficiaries. The target is to bring down the number of such kids by providing required treatment and cure them.'

The authorities should identify affected 91 children and treat them in shifts and a report in this regard should be submitted to the Commission. Or else, action will be taken against the authorities concerned, he warned.

**Change the board**

The Child Rights Panel Chairman also instructed the officials to replace the board of Malnourished Children's Rehabilitation Centre with Malnourished Children's Rejuvenation Unit.

KSCPCR Member Dr. Thippeswamy, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy and Medical Superintendent of Cheluvamba Hospital Dr. Sudha were present during the inspection .

# Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy lashes out at State Government

Mysuru, Nov.7 (BLU&DM)- Lashing out at the State Government for failing to address farmer issues despite farmers of Belagavi region protesting for days demanding minimum price of Rs.3,500 per tonne of sugarcane, Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) wondered what Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was doing when farmers have hit the streets in Northern parts of Karnataka.

Speaking to presspersons before taking part in the DISHA meeting at ZP Office premises here this morning, Kumaraswamy, who is also a former Karnataka Chief Minister, expressed dismay that CM Siddaramaiah, who has the record of presenting the maximum number of budgets, seems to have forgotten the ways to address farmer issues.

*Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy addressing waiting media persons near ZP Office in Mysuru this morning as other JD(S) leaders look on.*

Questioning Siddaramaiah's letter to Prime Minister Modi seeking his intervention in sugarcane price, he said that it is the responsibility of the CM to address farmer issues and perhaps no other CM might have written such a letter.

"I have resolved sugarcane growers problems when I headed the coalition Government twice, during which I did not call the Centre to fix sugarcane price. There are allegations that most of the sugar factories in the State are run by politicians from the three major parties. However, I clarify that at present, no leader of the JD(S) owns any sugar factory. The CM is unnecessarily blaming PM Modi now, when the Centre has already fixed the FRP (Fair and Remunerative Price) for sugarcane and it is up to the State Governments to follow it," HDK said.

**Greater Mysuru Vs Greater Bengaluru!**

Responding to a question on the renewed efforts for formation of Greater Mysuru, the Union Minister said that the issue has become a matter of prestige between Siddaramaiah and his Deputy D.K. Shivakumar, who is credited with forming the Greater Bengaluru Authority.

Asserting that Siddaramaiah has announced Greater Mysuru as Mysuru is his home district and to outwit his deputy Shivakumar, who has formed Greater Bengaluru, HDK sarcastically said no such thing as 'Greater' would happen in Mysuru.

# KSRTC completes fleet-wide fire emergency safety checks

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (BLU&BCT) - In the aftermath of the horrific bus fire in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh — where 20 passengers lost their lives after a private sleeper bus travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru caught fire following a collision with a bike — the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Mysuru has launched a comprehensive safety audit of its entire fleet. The audit report has since been submitted to the KSRTC headquarters.

Acting on Government directives, the KSRTC conducted safety inspections across all its buses operating in the State, including those in Mysuru. Thousands of vehicles under both urban and rural divisions underwent detailed safety checks to ensure compliance with passenger safety norms.

**Jammed emergency exits**

The audit primarily focused on verifying the functionality of emergency exit systems. These exits are critical for quick passenger evacuation in case of an accident. In air-conditioned buses, hammers are provided at both ends of the vehicle to break the glass near emergency exits, while non-AC buses feature manually operable exits.

The inspection revealed that many emergency exits had become jammed due to lack of use, while several buses were found without fire extinguishers. Fuel leakages from diesel tanks were also detected in a few cases.

All such issues have now been rectified. Each bus was inspected by a four-member team of mechanics under the supervision of a designated officer.

**1,272 buses inspected**

The KSRTC Mysuru City Division completed safety audits of all 554 buses under its jurisdiction. However, 24 of these vehicles were found to have non-functional emergency exit doors requiring repair. Once rectified, the final report will be submitted to the KSRTC headquarters, said Divisional Controller H.T. Veeresh.

Meanwhile, the KSRTC Mysuru Rural Division has completed safety audits of all 718 buses in its fleet. Mechanics thoroughly inspected safety systems and addressed any detected faults, ensuring that all buses are now fully compliant. The audit report has already been forwarded to the head office, confirmed Divisional Controller B. Srinivas.

Additionally, 16 Volvo buses in the rural division require refilling of air-conditioning gas. As this task cannot be performed by in-house technical staff, the division has notified Volvo officials to arrange for certified technicians to carry out the refilling work.

## Private firm employee waylaid, assaulted on Pulikeshi Road

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (KS)- A private company employee and his friend were allegedly waylaid and assaulted with a lethal weapon on Pulikeshi Road in Mandi Mohalla during the early hours of Tuesday.

The victims have been identified as S. Rajeev, a resident of T.K. Layout and his friend Tejas.

At around 2.30 am, Rajeev, who works at a private firm in Bannur, was driving along Pulikeshi Road with Tejas when two unidentified men on scooters overtook their car. After riding ahead, the duo took a U-turn and stopped the car.

When Rajeev stepped out to question them, one of the riders picked a quarrel and suddenly pulled out the lethal weapon, attacking Rajeev and inflicting injuries on his neck and hand. As Tejas rushed to his friend's aid, the second rider reportedly slapped and threatened him.

Startled and injured, both Rajeev and Tejas fled the spot. The attackers sped away when they noticed passersby approaching. Tejas later admitted Rajeev to a hospital. Based on Rajeev's statement, Mandi Mohalla Police have registered a case and launched a hunt to trace and arrest the two scooter-borne assailants.

# Filling vacant Govt. jobs: AIDYO launches signature campaign

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (MK&DM)- Seeking the filling up of all vacant posts in State and Central Governments and urging an end to irregularities in recruitment, the All India Democratic Youth Organisation (AIDYO) launched a signature campaign in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate yesterday, as part of its nationwide movement.

The AIDYO members pointed out that nearly 10 lakh posts remain vacant across 78 Ministries and Departments under the Union Government, while 2.85 lakh posts are lying vacant in various Departments of the State Government.

They urged the Government to relax the upper age limit for recruitment by at least five years, considering the prolonged delay in filling vacancies. They also demanded transparency and fairness in the recruitment process, ensuring there is no scope for exam malpractices.

The organisation further sought implementation of the Hota Committee Report to prevent irregularities in KPSC recruitments. It also called for an end to contract appointments and insisted that the Government must opt for permanent recruitment instead.

During the campaign, AIDYO members additionally demanded minimum wages and social security for workers, unemployment allowance until job placement, a halt to public sector privatisation and a reduction in recruitment exam fees, among other reforms.

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# Dragon Pond

## to fire up Dasara Expo Grounds

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (GA&VNS) - The Dasara Exhibition Grounds, which is drawing large crowds since the day it was opened to the public this year, will soon have a new addition aimed at keeping the venue active throughout the year.

While the exhibition typically runs for about 90 days during and after Dasara, the grounds remain dormant for the rest of the year.

To change that, the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has built an innovative 'Rajiv Gandhi Dragon Pond' at a cost of Rs. 5 crore, designed to draw visitors 365 days a year. The new attraction will be inaugurated shortly by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, who has already enhanced the Exhibition Grounds with features such as the musical fountain, Belur-Halebeedu-style stalls and a traditional food court, said that the Dragon Pond is yet another effort to make the venue a year-round destination.

The Dragon Pond will feature a boating facility where fire will appear to emerge from a dragon's mouth, adding a dramatic touch to the experience.

The pond will also host laser, fire and smoke shows, each lasting about 20 minutes, along with cycling options on the pond's periphery. Comfortable seating arrangements have been made for visitors to enjoy these spectacles.

While entry to the musical fountain remains free, KEA is considering introducing a ticketed entry for the Dragon Pond shows.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Ayub Khan said, "The works on the Dragon Pond are nearing completion and the Chief Minister will inaugurate it soon. The idea is to keep the Exhibition Grounds alive throughout the year and make the Dragon Pond a major crowd-puller, similar to the musical fountain."

### DRAGON POND ATTRACTIONS

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| ▶ MUSICAL FOUNTAIN | : | 15-minute shows at 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm and 10 pm |
| ▶ DRAGON POND | : | 30-minute Laser, Fire & Smoke shows |
| ▶ BOATING AND CYCLING | : | Available at the Dragon Pond |
| ▶ OPEN YEAR-ROUND | : | Musical Fountain and Dragon Pond to remain operational all 365 days |

# 1 fake company, 7 fake pay slips and Rs. 65 lakh loan fraud !

**(Continued from page 1)**

The accused — H. Sannappa of Gandhinagar, N. Naveen Kumar of Vasanthnagar in Bogadi 2nd Stage, Nagesh of Vasanthnagar, H. Manjanna of K.G. Koppal, N. Deepa of Jayanagar, Srinivas of Kyathamaranahalli and Manjunath of Pulikeshi Road in Mandi Mohalla — were all employed at a fake Software Company, located in Bogadi.

They allegedly claimed that their salaries were credited to Axis Bank accounts and submitted forged salary credit statements to SBI, N.R. Mohalla branch, to obtain personal loans. Investigations revealed that none of the loans were repaid.

### Seven accused, one firm

According to the complaint, Sannappa, who claimed to be a Marketing Manager at the Software Company, earning a monthly salary of Rs. 40,093, secured a Rs. 10 lakh loan on April 30, 2022.

Naveen Kumar, employed as a Technical Assistant with a claimed salary of Rs. 39,500, obtained Rs. 9.20 lakh on Feb. 17, 2022. Nagesh, also a Marketing Manager from the same company, claimed the same salary and took Rs. 9.40 lakh loan on Dec. 7, 2023.

H. Manjanna, a Technical Assistant, claimed Rs. 39,500 and received Rs. 9.55 lakh loan on October 13, 2021. N. Deepa, another Technical Assistant of the same company, claimed Rs. 37,944 salary and secured Rs. 9.25 lakh loan on Nov. 5, 2021.

Srinivas, a Marketing Manager, claimed Rs. 35,844 and obtained Rs. 9.20 lakh loan on Oct. 12, 2021. Manjunath, working as a Digital Executive of the same firm, claimed Rs. 36,413 salary and took a loan of Rs. 9.30 lakh on Dec. 13, 2021. Together, the seven individuals secured loans totalling Rs. 65.95 lakh.

### Probe into procedural lapses

The fraud came to light during an internal audit conducted on Sept. 17, 2022. Upon inquiry with Axis Bank, it was discovered that none of the accused held salary accounts there and the documents submitted to SBI were confirmed to be forged.

Following a Court directive, the current SBI N.R. Mohalla Branch Manager, Ramya, filed formal complaints against all seven individuals, resulting in separate FIRs.

Further investigation revealed that none of the accused had existing accounts with SBI at the time of loan approval. Their accounts were opened only after the loans were sanctioned, violating standard banking procedures.

Authorities are now probing whether bank officials bypassed mandatory verification protocols during loan disbursement. As per banking norms, lenders must obtain employment confirmation from the applicant's workplace and verify the applicant's CIBIL score before approving personal loans.

In this case, the accused allegedly submitted fake salary credit statements to falsely claim deposits into Axis Bank accounts.

It is suspected that loan officers failed to verify employment details or contact Axis Bank before sanctioning the loans.

# *KGF* actor Harish Rai dies at 55

Bengaluru, Nov. 7 (Agencies)- Kannada actor Harish Rai passed away at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology yesterday after a prolonged battle with cancer. He was 55 and is survived by his wife and two children.

*Harish Rai*

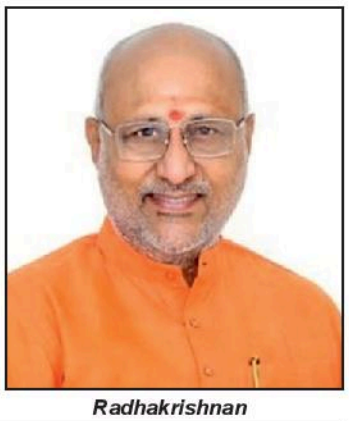
Rai had reportedly been suffering from thyroid cancer that later spread to his stomach.

A familiar face across Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu cinema, Harish Rai carved a niche for himself with his intense and emotionally charged performances.

He rose to prominence for his role as Don Rai in the cult classic 'Om' and later earned renewed acclaim for his portrayal of 'Chacha' in 'KGF' and 'KGF: Chapter 2,' where audiences lauded his natural screen presence and emotional depth.

Some of his notable works include 'Samara,' 'Bangalore Underworld,' 'Jodihakki,' 'Sanju Weds Geetha', 'Swayamvara' and 'Nalla.' Mortal remains will be brought to his hometown in Udupi for the final rites today, according to family sources.

# Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan to arrive in city on Nov. 9



*Radhakrishnan*

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (RK&DM)- In his first official visit to Mysuru after becoming the Vice-President of the country, C.P. Radhakrishnan will arrive in the city around 12.30 pm on Nov. 9 (Sunday) by a special helicopter.

Earlier on Nov. 9, the Vice-President will visit Shravanabelagola in Hassan district and Melukote in Mandya district, before arriving in Mysuru city.

Upon his arrival in the city on Nov. 9, Radhakrishnan will take part in the Convocation of JSS-AHER (JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research) in Shivarathreeshwaranagar, Bannimantap at 12.30 pm. Thereafter, he will visit Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill at 2.30 pm, following which he will travel to Chamundi Hill at 3 pm and offer prayers at Chamundeshwari temple. Later, he will depart the city from Mysore Airport for New Delhi at 4.30 pm.

# Tiger kills again!

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**Survivor of earlier elephant attack**

Ironically, Nayaka had survived a wild elephant attack in his field two years ago, when the animal threw him aside with its trunk, leaving him with injuries.

He is survived by his mother Mahadevamma, wife Rukmini and three daughters — Sheela, Shilpa and Shyla. While Sheela is married, the other two are still studying.

Officials including Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director S. Prabhakaran, RFO (Nugu Range) Amritha and ACF (Hediyala) D. Paramesh visited the spot.

Villagers said they had noticed tiger movement in the area earlier and had even driven the animal away. However, this is the first fatal tiger attack reported in this part of the village.

## Earlier attacks

**On Oct. 16,** Mahadevegowda (48) of Badagalapura was seriously injured in a tiger attack and is undergoing treatment in a Mysuru hospital.

**On Oct. 26,** Rajashekar (farmer) of Bennegere village was killed near Mulluru.

**On Oct. 31,** Doddaningaiah (65) of Kurnegala village, who was grazing cattle near the forest border, was killed by a tiger near Sargur.

# Bandipur, Nagarahole safaris, trekking stopped

## After third incident of tiger killing a man in 15 days, Forest Minister orders full-scale tiger hunt

Mysuru/ Bidar, Nov. 7 (MTY&BS)- Following the spate of tiger attacks, with the third fatal incident reported this morning in Sargur taluk of Mysuru district, Forest Minister B. Eshwar Khandre has ordered the suspension of safaris at Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves with immediate effect.

The Minister has also directed officials to suspend trekking activities in all areas reporting man-animal conflict.

In his instructions, the Minister asked the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and Chief Wildlife Warden to halt safaris in both reserves until further orders and to deploy officers, staff and even safari vehicle drivers in the ongoing tiger capture operations.

Expressing deep sorrow over the death of Chowdanayaka, who was killed in a suspected tiger attack at Hale Heggudilu village in Sargur this morning, Khandre termed the loss of yet another life within a month along the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar forest belt as both disturbing and alarming.

He noted with concern that the tragedy occurred despite his earlier directions to officials to intensify efforts to capture the tigers, creating panic among villagers. These directions were issued at a meeting held on Oct. 27, following a tiger attack at Bandipur.

The meeting was attended by Animal Husbandry Minister and Chamarajanagar District In-charge K. Venkatesh, Social Welfare Minister and Mysuru District In-charge Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, local MLAs and farmers.

The Minister further instructed the APCCF (Wildlife) and Director of Project Tiger to camp at the site and take immediate measures to capture the tiger responsible for the repeated attacks on villagers.

# 16,789 dog bite cases in Mysuru district this year

## One death; 19,946 anti-rabies vaccines administered

STRAY DOG SAFARI?: ***A pack of stray dogs in Gokulam 3rd Stage, between 9th and 10th Cross. This picture was e-mailed to*** *Star of Mysore* ***by one of its readers this morning.***

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (VVH&KS) - As many as 16,789 stray dog bite cases, including one death, have been reported across Mysuru district between January and October this year.

Of these, 4,510 cases were recorded within Mysuru city limits, while 12,279 cases — including the fatality — were reported from various taluks.

**Taluk-wise data**

H.D. Kote - 1,275 (1 death); Hunsur - 2,241; K.R. Nagar - 1,234; Mysuru - 1,256; Nanjangud – 1,480; Periyapatna – 2,291; Saligrama - 684; Sargur - 240; and T. Narasipur - 1,578 cases.

Meanwhile, Deputy Director of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Dr.Nagaraju said that the dog menace persists not just in the city but across the district, with even pet dogs being involved in bite cases.

He informed that 21,162 pet dogs have been identified for anti-rabies vaccination, and from January till date, 19,946 free vaccinations have been administered. In addition, the Department has undertaken public awareness initiatives through posters and handbills in schools and colleges.

**530 rabies awareness programmes**

Dr.Nagaraju said that 530 rabies awareness programmes have been conducted so far and urged the public to remain cautious. He also appealed to pet owners to ensure the timely vaccination of their dogs to prevent the spread of rabies.

It may be recalled that the stray dog menace has been steadily increasing not only within Mysuru city but also on its outskirts, with packs of dogs often seen roaming and, at times, attacking pedestrians.

Authorities have also blamed improper waste disposal by citizens and meat shop owners, who dump leftover food and meat waste along roadsides, attracting strays.

Pet owners are also wary of taking their dogs for walks, fearing attacks by strays, particularly in areas like Vijayanagar, Yadavagiri, Gokulam, Kuvempunagar, Bannimantap and J.P. Nagar.

Though the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) continues to conduct sterilisation and anti-rabies vaccination drives, the growing population of stray dogs remains an unresolved issue.

# Mob vents anger on two RFOs, one Guard

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (MTY&BS)- Two Range Forest Officers (RFOs) and a Forest Guard faced the fury of an enraged mob at Hale Heggudilu village in Saragur taluk, where a farmer was killed in a tiger attack this morning.

RFO of Nugu Range Amritha, RFO of the Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) Ramanjaneya and Forest Guard Nagaraj were allegedly assaulted by villagers angered over the repeated tiger attacks in the region.

The officers were reportedly beaten on the head and back before Saragur Police intervened and rescued them from the mob. The injured officials were later taken in a Forest Department vehicle to a nearby hospital in Saragur, where they are undergoing treatment, it is learnt.

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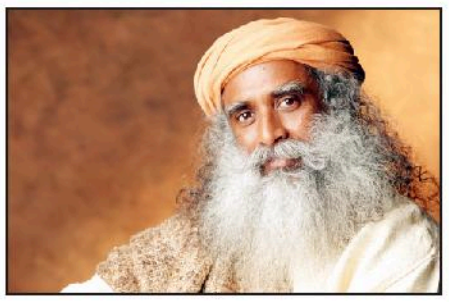
# MYSTIC'S MUSINGS

By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation

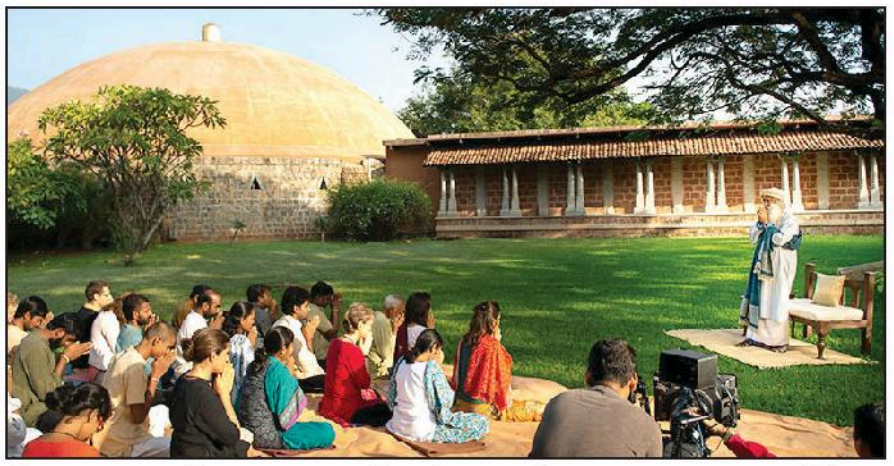


# Living in consecrated spaces

Agastya Muni was sent to South India by Shiva — the Aadhi Yogi or the first yogi. He consecrated every human habitation South of the Deccan Plateau in some form and made sure that a live spiritual process was on. He did not spare a single human habitation. They say it took him 4,000 years of work. We do not know whether it is 4,000 or 400 or 140 — but looking at the phenomenal amount of work and the amount of travel that he did, he obviously lived a very extraordinary lifespan.

Consecration is a live process. It is like this: if you transform mud into food, we call this agriculture. If you make food into flesh and bone, we call this digestion, integration. If you make flesh into mud, we call this cremation. If you can make this flesh or even a stone or an empty space into a Divine possibility, that is called consecration.

Today, modern science is telling you that everything is the same energy manifesting itself in a million different ways. If that is so, what you call the Divine, what you call a stone, what you call a man or a woman, what you call a demon, are all the same energy functioning in different ways. For example, the same electricity becomes light, sound and so many other things, depending upon the technology. So it is just a question of technology; if you have the necessary technology, you can make the simple space around you into a Divine exuberance; you can just take a piece of rock and make it into a God or a Goddess; this is the phenomenon of consecration.



***"Every human being deserves to live in a consecrated space." — Sadhguru***

An enormous amount of knowledge about this dimension of life was perpetuated particularly in this culture and this was held as the most important thing. Because it does not matter what you are eating, how you are or how long you live, at some point, a need will come that you want to get in touch with the source of Creation. If that possibility is not created across the planet and is not available to every human being who seeks, then society has failed to provide true well-being for a human being.

It is with this awareness that in this culture, every street had three temples; because even a few meters should not pass without there being a consecrated space. The idea was not to create one temple versus the other, the idea was that nobody should walk in a space which is not consecrated; nobody should live in a space which is not consecrated. The temple was always built first and then houses were built.

The whole State of Tamil Nadu is built like this. Every significant town in Tamil Nadu had a grand temple and around that, a little town. Because the kind of dwelling you live in is not important. Whether your house is 10,000 square feet or just 1,000 square feet is not going to make an ultimate difference in your life, but being around a consecrated space is going to make a phenomenal difference in your life.

With this understanding, they built human habitations like this: if there are 25 houses, there must be one temple. Whether you go there or not, whether you pray or not, whether you know the mantra or not, is not the point. You must be in a consecrated space every moment of your life.

*[Sadhguru, a yogi, is a visionary, humanitarian and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. www.ishafoundation.org]*

# Hindus face State-sanctioned apartheid: Dr. Anand Ranganathan

Mysuru, Nov. 7- Eminent scientist, author and political commentator Dr. Anand Ranganathan said that India's secular framework has evolved into a structure of "State-sanctioned apartheid" where laws and practices privilege minority communities and constrain the majority.

He was speaking at the launch of Kannada version of his best seller *'Hindus in Hindu Rashtra: Eighth-Class Citizens and Victims of State-Sanctioned Apartheid'* in Bengaluru recently.

Dr. Ranganathan said "true equality before the law cannot be achieved when one religion's institutions are regulated while another's are autonomous."

The book presents a provocative critique of how, despite being India's majority community, Hindus face systemic legal and institutional disadvantage.

Dwelling in detail into the discrimination that is directed against the majority Hindu community, he defined eight "ailments" besetting Hindus, including: Government control of Hindu temples; the Right To Education Act; the Waqf Act; the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act; the absence of a Uniform Civil Code; the predicament of displaced Kashmiri Hindus; and narrative bias in media and academia.

***Shankaranand** (third from right), **National Organising Secretary of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, seen releasing the book 'Hindu Rashtradalli Hindugalu' in Bengaluru recently, along with** (from left) **Meena Vishwanath of SMaRT, Prof. G.L. Shekar, translator, Yaduveer Wadiyar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP, Dr. Anand Ranganathan, eminent scientist-author and Surabhi Hodigere, BJP Spokesperson.***

He issued a call to action for constitutional and social reforms to restore fairness for all citizens.

Releasing the Kannada book, titled *'Hindu Rashtradalli Hindugalu,'* translated by Prof. G.L. Shekar of Mysuru, Shankaranand, National Organising Secretary, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, described the book "eye-opening," and "unapologetically candid."

Further, he said though Dr. Ranganathan has mentioned only eight reasons why Hindus are eighth-class citizens in their own country, there are hundreds of cases of discrimination of Hindus that are causing greater and long-term harm to the survival of Hindus.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, BJP Spokesperson Surabhi Hodigere, Educationist and translator Prof. G. L. Shekar, Meena Vishwanath and Dharma Raghavan of SMaRT were present along with packed audience.

SMaRT, a non-profit organisation working for a common cause of nation-building, organised the event.

Published by BluOne Ink, the book is available in leading bookstores across India and online platforms.

# Music University to hold its 10th Convocation tomorrow

- **Prof. B. Ananthakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor of Kalamandalam University, to deliver Convocation Address**
- **H. Janardhan, Prof. B.R. Sheshadri Iyengar and G.M. Shivaprasad to receive Hon. Doctorates**

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (VNS) - The 10th Annual Convocation of Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University will be held at its premises on JLB Road in city on Nov. 8 at 11.30 am.

Governor-Chancellor Thaawarchand Gehlot will preside. Kalamandalam University, Kerala, Vice-Chancellor Prof. B. Ananthakrishnan, will be the chief guest and deliver the Convocation address. Pro-Chancellor and Minister for Higher Education Dr. M.C. Sudhakar will be present. Music University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote will present a brief report of the University.

This year the University will be presenting Hon. Doctorates to Theatre Person H. Janardhan (Janni), Music exponent Prof. B.R. Sheshadri Iyengar and Folklorist G.M. Shivaprasad (Gollahalli Shivaprasad).

During the Convocation, seven scholars will receive D.Litt degrees, five students will receive Master's degree in Performing Arts along with gold medals and cash rewards and three students will receive Bachelor's degree in Performing Arts along with gold medals and cash rewards.

**D. Litt. recipients:** Dr. K.V. Nagaraja Murthy, Dr. Shivakumar Kanasogi, Dr. H.K. Sheela Sridhar, Dr. K.M. Kumaraswamy, Dr. Kempegowda, Dr. Rashmi Prasad and Dr. Hasana Raghu.

**Master of Performing Arts (MPA):** V. Latha (Karnatak Vocal - 5 gold medals), D.N. Indrakumar (Hindustani Vocal Department - 3 gold medals), S. Srikanth (Drama - 1 gold medal), C. Nanjundaswamy (Drama - 1 gold medal)

*Janardhan*

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and A. Shravya (Bharatanatyam - 6 gold medals).

**Bachelor of Performing Arts (BPA):** P. Puneetha (Karnatak Vocal - 4 gold medals), M. Sanjay (Hindustani Vocal - 2 gold medals) and M.B. Sujana (Bharatanatyam - 1 gold medal).

# Kanakadasa Jayanti in city on Nov. 8

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (GA&D-M)-The 538th Bhakta Kanakadasa Jayanti will be celebrated under the aegis of Kanakadasa Jayantyotsava Samiti at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road here tomorrow (Nov. 8).

Announcing this at a press meet in city yesterday, Samiti President M.K. Somashekar, who is also a former MLA, said that the Jayanti celebrations will begin with a grand procession of a statue of Kanakadasa to be taken out in a specially decorated Silver Chariot from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple at the Palace North Gate at 9.30 am.

The procession, accompanied by a host of cultural and folk troupes, will pass through K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Chamaraja Double Road (100 ft. Road), Narayana Shastry Road, D. Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road and Vinoba Road, before culminating at Kalamandira where District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the stage programme at 12.30 pm in the presence of Shivanandapuri Swamiji. MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, MLCs A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Dr. D. Thimmaiah and K. Shivakumar, MLAs D. Ravishankar, Tanveer Sait, K. Harishgowda and T.S. Srivatsa will take part, Somashekar said adding that a programme has been organised in association with Kannada and Culture Department at Kalamandira at 4 pm on Nov. 9, during which recent Kannada Rajyotsava awardees will be felicitated.

Somashekar further said that the Samiti has invited applications from meritorious students of the community who have scored high marks in SSLC and PUC (2025-26) for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. For more details, contact Mob: 94803-25656.

# Talk on AI

**by Mysore Literary Assn.**

Mysuru, Nov. 7- Mysore Literary Association has organised a talk on *"Demystifying Artificial Intelligence - How It Works and How You Can Make It Work for You"* by Dr. Navin Patel, Convenor - CII Mysuru Zone IT/ITES Panel and Associate Vice-President, Infosys, Mysuru, at 11 am on Nov. 9 at Kalpa Kshetra, No. 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru. Contact Mob: 94498-19536.

*Dr. Navin Patel*

# Samajamukhi Literary Meet in Bengaluru on Nov. 8, 9

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (VNS) - A two-day 'Samajamukhi Sahitya Sammelana (Literature Conference)' featuring emerging and senior writers from different parts of the State, including Mysuru, will be held at Bharat Scouts and Guides premises on Palace Road in Bengaluru on Nov. 8 and 9.

Littérateurs *Nadoja* Dr. Hampa Nagarajaiah, *Nadoja* Prof. Baragur Ramachandrappa and Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash will take part in the inaugural event.

Around 225 writers, thinkers and 16 artistes, along with more than 2,000 delegates, will take part in the literary meet.

Discussions on short stories, Dalit literature, Vachanas, theatre, folklore, fine arts, cinema, music, dance, environment journalism, among others will be held.

There will be one stage set up at the Conference for discussions in English language.

Noted writers Dr. Hampana, G. Ramakrishna, B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, K. Ramaiah, Malathi Pattanashetti and H.L. Pushpa will be present during the valedictory ceremony.

The two-day meet will also include exhibition, book sale and release of new books among others including Moodalapaya Yakashagana presentation.

For details, contact Mob: 99000-49892.

# U-turn...

## Student retracts bribery charge against UoM officials; receives marks card

Mysuru, Nov. 7 (BS)- A day after staging a lone protest by lying down in the middle of the road in front of Crawford Hall — the administrative building of the University of Mysore (UoM) — on Tuesday, alleging that Varsity officials had demanded a bribe to issue her marks card, the student has now made a U-turn.

In a written statement submitted to UoM Registrar M.K. Savitha, the student, D.C. Prabha of M.A. Economics, clarified that no such demand was made by the Head of the Department. She added that she has now paid the prescribed fee of Rs. 3,255 and obtained her marks card.

The student, earlier, had staged a protest by lying on the road in front of Crawford Hall, alleging that UoM staff demanded a bribe of Rs. 18,000 to give back her SSLC and Degree marks cards which she had submitted when she

was pursuing her MA Political Science course.

In a press release, Registrar Savitha stated that Prabha was a student of M.A. Political Science during the academic year 2021-22. She produced a bank challan confirming payment of the college fees and denied having made any bribery allegations.

The marks card was issued after verifying the fee payment made during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Students are advised to approach higher authorities in case of any issues," Registrar Savitha said, adding that Prabha too has been counselled accordingly.

## EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 7)

- **Town Hall, Mysuru:** Kashtabhanjana Bhairava Janmashtami Mahotsava, Kashtabhanjana Bhairava Maha Yajna, **3 pm onwards;** Bhairava Purana Mahakatha, Town Hall premises, **8 pm onwards.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Karnataka Ganakala Parishat, Bengaluru:** 54th Senior Music Scholars and 36th Young Music Scholars State Music Conference, Music Programme - Veena recital by Vidu. S.V. Sahana, accompanied by Vid. H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, **4.15 pm to 6.15 pm;** Vocal concert by Vid. N.R. Prashanth, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kala Vedike, Kuvempunagar, **6.45 pm to 8.45 pm.**
- **Sarada Vilas:** Srimadbhagavata Saptaha - Pravachana (Discourse) Series by renowned Sanskrit scholar Pandit Gudebellur Venkatanarasimhachar, Sri Vidyashreesha Theertha Sripadaru of Sri Sosale Vyasaraja Mutt inaugurates, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.** [Mob: 72040-43565]
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Sri Saptamatruka Devasthanam, 7th Main Road, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Folklore Department, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore (UoM), Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Post-Graduate Boys Hostel, Vishweshwaranagar, Karnataka Folkore Researchers Association, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Lecture Series — Janapada Nadige Shala-College Vidyarthinilayagala Kadege; Prasaranga Director Prof. M. Nanjaiah Honganur inaugurates and delivers lecture, Hostel Supervisor K. Mahesh presides, B.R. Ambedkar Post-Graduate Boys Hostel, Vishweshwaranagar, **6 pm.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET) and The Academy Trust (tAcT):**

Special programme to commemorate the birthdays of two of the world's greatest scientists — Madame Curie and Sir C.V. Raman; a Show and Talk on 'Rediscovering Women Scientists' by **Nemichandra,** an eminent Author, Motivational Speaker and Aeronautical Engineer, who formerly served as General Manager and Chief Designer at HAL, IIET, Hardwicke School Campus, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

- **Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), Mysuru:** B.S. Pandit Memorial Concert 'Saraswati,' Kuchipudi dance by Sangeet Natak Akademi's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar awardee, Natyavisharada Jaikishore Mosalikanti and Padmavani Mosalikanti, accompanied by Aadith Narayan on natuvanga, Janani Hamsini Narasimhan on vocal, Dr. G.V. Guru Bharadwaaj on mridanga, Aditya on violin and R.S. Adhvaith on flute, M. Govinda Rao Memorial Auditorium, GSSSI-ETW, KRS Road, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Kadamba Rangavedike, Mysuru:** Kadamba Rangotsava-2025, actor Shankar Ashwath inaugurates, Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Kannada & Culture Department Asst. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Ranga Samaja Member H.S. Suresh Babu and Kadamba Rangavedike President Dr. Rajashekar Kadamba will be present, **6.30 pm;** Staging of play 'Baibadki' by Antaranga Bahiranga, Bengaluru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

**[See EVENTS TOMORROW (Nov. 8) on Page-11]**

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Lout

**Pronunciation:** LOUT (noun)
**Meaning:** A lout is an awkward brutish person.
**Origin:** Lout belongs to a large group of words that we use to indicate a particular sort of offensive and insensitive person, that group also including such terms as boor, oaf, jerk and churl. English speakers have used lout in this way since the mid-1500s. Well before the 12th century, however, lout functioned as a verb with the meaning "to bow in respect." No one is quite sure how—or even if—the verb sense developed into a noun meaning "an awkward brutish person." The noun could have been coined independently, but if its source was the verb, perhaps the awkward posture of one bowing down led over the centuries to the idea that the bowing person was base and awkward as well.
**Example:** "Fortunately for Vince, Jake is about to sell their mother's house, and the proceeds should cover his deep debts. As is often the case with ne'er-do-wells, however, Vince doesn't make anything easy, and [actor Jason] Bateman casts him as an arrogant lout … who's always playing the angles to his own benefit, damn the damage he causes to everyone else." — Nick Schager, The Daily Beast, 18 Sept. 2025.

## THE ODD WORD

### Adipsia

Absence or lack of thirst.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Cat got your tongue

**Meaning:** The phrase 'Cat got your tongue' is used to describe when someone is at a loss of words or being unusually quiet.
**Origin:** The origin of the phrase 'Cat got your tongue' is an intriguing one. Although many believe the "cat" in question is of the feline variety, it's actually the cat o' nine tails, a whip commonly used to flog sailors who misbehaved. On English sailing ships, anyone entrusted with a secret by a higher officer would be threatened with "the cat" for telling; thus, the saying 'has the cat got your tongue?' became slang for 'are you afraid to tell?'
**Example:** "What's the matter Lucy, cat got your tongue?"

## QUOTE BOX

Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try. **—John F. Kennedy**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

cricket

*Answer: Jimminy cricket.*

## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 8 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 9 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Hit with open palm to make the cheeks red
5 Malay sailing boat - "or pa" anagram?
9 Law as a system or in abstract
12 Successor
13 Last born?
15 "A" in A.D.?
16 Distributed in fixed portions
17 Was skeptical
19 Repair or darn
20 Brine cured salmon?
21 Equality
23 Articulate
26 Suffer
27 Enemy
28 Baby's ride
29 Depress, droop or flop
30 Strap used in guiding a horse
31 RK's Kal __ Aur Kal
32 Actress Zadora
33 Open wagons
34 ____ down : become less agitated?
36 Play on words
37 Indian leavened bread
38 Operational
42 Cars, trains, etc
44 Advance
45 Tehran natives
46 Mediterranean island
47 Above sea level
48 Stringed instrument
49 Dare, old style English

**DOWN**

1 North Atlantic fish of herring family
2 NBC's Jay?
3 A people of Japan
4 Difficulty
5 A hard heat-resistant glass
6 Way for traffic
7 Unconscious
8 Creature
9 Aniston or Lopez of Hollywood
10 Accustomed (4,2,2)
11 Standard, in short?
14 Not one coming in, you'll agree?
18 Rocky hill
21 Hog
22 Hankers after
23 Poison-bearing tree
24 Sports shoes
25 Mausoleum at Agra (3,5)
26 Battery size
29 Title of knight
30 Caused resentment
32 Writing instrument
33 Mongrel
35 In the ___ : principally?
36 Sheriff's men
38 Departed
39 City near San Angelo
40 Seizes suddenly
41 Flying pest
42 By way of
43 Fiji island

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| S | H | R | U | G | ■ | T | O | I | L | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| ■ | ■ | ■ | R | H | O | ■ | S | M | E | L | L | S |
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| D | E | L | U | D | E | ■ | O | V | A | ■ | ■ | ■ |
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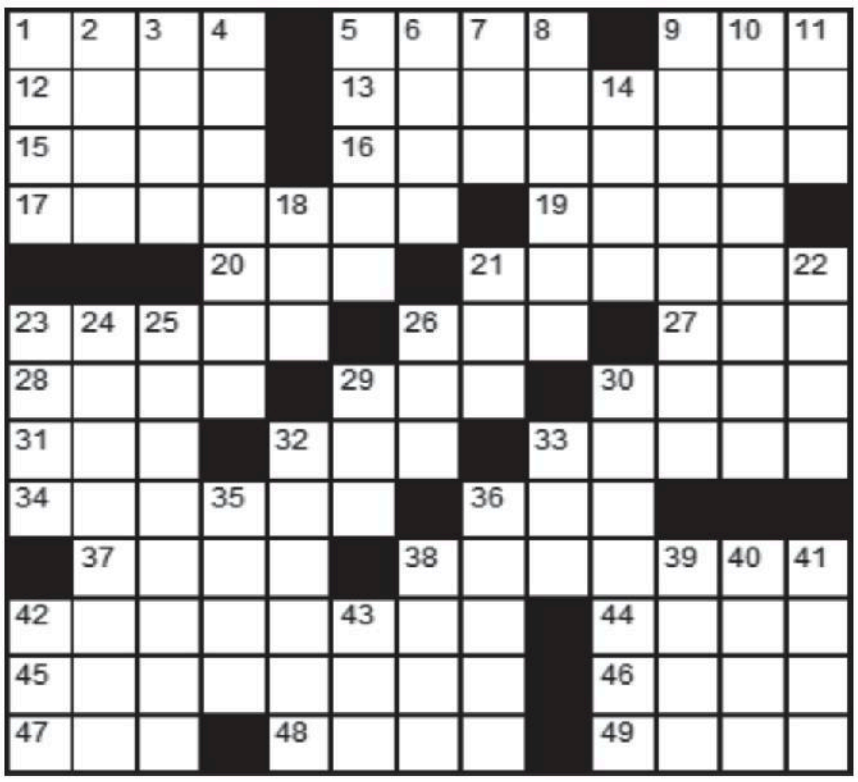


## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**L GCZGSK ZGTOMN OH FMO LTOH WHCLOLJK, EBO L**

**ZGK TMYMU CLFRO MTHBFR OH XGPM ORM OMGX.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS H**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** I do not think you want too much sincerity in society. It would be like an iron girder in a house of cards.

## SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  *Brat (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  *I Am God (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  *Bison Kaalamaadan (Ta)* - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  *Yajamana (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  *The Girlfriend (Te)* - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  *Mass Jathara (Te) - 4 Shows*
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  *Jai Gadakesari (K)* - 2 Shows; *Kona (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  *Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  *Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)* - 3 Shows

## MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Predator Badlands (E)* | (S-1) | 11 am, 8.05 pm, 10.25 pm |
| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)* | (S-1) | 1.25 pm, 4.45 pm |
| | (S-4) | 7 pm |
| *Dies Irae (Ma)* | (S-2) | 10.40 am |
| *Aaromaley (Ta)* | (S-2) | 1.25 pm |
| *Brat (K)* | (S-2) | 4.05 pm, 7.15 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10.20 am |
| *Jatadhara (Te)* | (S-2) | 10.20 pm |
| *Haq (H)* | (S-3) | 10.35 am, 1.25 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Love You Muddu (K)* | (S-3) | 4.20 pm |
| *Innocent (Ma)* | (S-3) | 10.10 pm |
| *Yajamana (K)* | (S-4) | 1.30 pm |
| *The Girlfriend (Te)* | (S-4) | 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm |

## MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)* | : | 10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Brat (K)* | : | 10.45 am, 1.45 pm, 4.45, 7.45 pm |
| *Nishiddha (K)* | : | 10.50 am |
| *The Girlfriend (Te)* | : | 11 am, 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Kona (K)* | : | 1.15 pm |
| *I Am God (K)* | : | 3.40 pm |
| *Love You Muddu (K)* | : | 6.40 pm |
| *Dies Irae (Ma)* | : | 9.15 pm |

## MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Brat (K)* | : | 9.45 am, 4.05 pm |
| *The Girlfriend (Te)* | : | 9.55 am, 12.50 pm, 6.55, 9.50 pm |
| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)* | : | 10 am, 4.15 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Haq (H)* | : | 10.05 am, 1.25 pm, 7.40 pm, 10 pm |
| *Predator: Badlands (E-3D)* | : | 10.05 am, 12.30 pm, 7.15, 9.40 pm |
| *The Taj Story (H)* | : | 10.05 am, 3.50 pm |
| *Yajamana (K)* | : | 12.40 pm |
| *Jatadhara (Te)* | : | 1 pm |
| *Dies Irae (Ma)* | : | 1.35 pm, 7.40 pm |
| *Baahubali: The Epic (H)* | : | 2.55 pm |
| *Thamma (H)* | : | 3.45 pm |
| *Chennai Express (H)* | : | 4.05 pm |
| *Aaromaley (Ta)* | : | 7.15 pm |
| *Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat (H)* | : | 7.15 pm |
| *Innocent (Ma)* | : | 10.10 pm |
| *Murder Report (Korean)* | : | 10.20 pm |

## MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

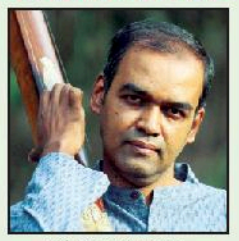
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)* | : | 9.50 am, 1.10 pm, 7.05 pm |
| *Predator: Badlands (E-3D)* | : | 10 am, 4.45 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *The Girlfriend (Te)* | : | 10.10 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm |
| *Haq (H)* | : | 10.40 am, 4.15 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Baahubali: The Epic (Te)* | : | 12.25 pm |
| *Brat (K)* | : | 1.05 pm, 7:10 pm |
| *Jatadhara (Te)* | : | 1.30 pm |
| *Love You Muddu (K)* | : | 4.20 pm |
| *Dies Irae (Ma)* | : | 4.35 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *I Am God (K)* | : | 7.05 pm |

## EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 8)

- **Photography Exhibition:** 'Wings & Feathers,' a Himalayan Birds Photography Exhibition in memory of 'Birdman of India' Dr. Salim Ali, exhibitors and organisers are Giri Chandrashekar and Kashyap, C.R. Hanumanth, Entrepreneur & Ecologist and Vaishali Hanumanth, Managing Partner, DRC Cinemas, will inaugurate the expo, K. Paramesh, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Mysuru Territorial Division, special guest, **7.30 am;** Expo, Lingambudhi Lake Park, Ramakrishnanagar, **7.30 am to 10 am and 3.30 pm to 6 pm.** [Mob: 94496-21423 or 94825-71777]
- **Town Hall, Mysuru:** Kashtabhanjana Bhairava Janmashtami Mahotsava, Krishnagiri Seer Sri Vasanta Vijayanandagiriji Maharaj graces the occasion, Special Bhairava Puja, **10 am;** Kashtabhanjana Bhairava Maha Yajna, **3 pm onwards;** Bhairava Purana Mahakatha, Town Hall, **8 pm onwards.**
- **Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of R. Preksha, disciple of Guru Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke, accompanied by Vidu. Pooja Sugam on natuvanga, Vid. R. Rajiv on vocal, Vid. G.S. Nagaraj on mridanga and Vid. A.P. Krishnaprasad on flute, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru:** 10th Annual Convocation, Governor-Chancellor Thaawarchand Gehlot presides, Kalamandalam University Vice-Chancellor Prof. B. Ananthakrishnan delivers Convocation Address, Pro-Chancellor and Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar and Music University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote will be present, Music University premises, JLB Road, **11.30 am.**
- **District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC):** Dasa Shreshta Santa Kavi Kanakadasa's 538th Jayanti celebrations, Sri Dr. Shivanandapuri Swamiji and Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji will grace the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, retd. Kannada Professor and Folk Scholar Prof. Mysore Krishnamurthy delivers lecture programme, Kalamandira, **12.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi and Kutuhali-Kannada:** Kathe Kelona Banni-905, story-telling by Dr. K.P. Manjunath, Gamaka Artiste and Lecturer, Sadvidya Composite PU College, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** 'Science Sanje,' talk on 'From Computing to Composing' by Sunil Koshy, Co-Founder, From Mug to Mike, Bengaluru, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]
- **The Books & Brews Library:** Introductory session on 'The Curious Case of the Cosmos' — Astronomy & Science workshop for children aged 5-17 years, Library premises, Gokulam, **3 pm to 5 pm.** [Mob: 84335-53734]

### State Music Conference

Vidu. Manasi Prasad


Vid. Manasa Nayana

Vid. Ramprasad

Vid. Karthik

Vid. Arjun

Vid. Purushotham

**Karnataka Ganakala Parishat, Bengaluru:** 54th Senior Music Scholars and 36th Young Music Scholars State Music Conference, Vidwat Goshti - Prayer by Ganabharathi School of Dance, **10 am;** Session by Ganakalashree Vidu. Manasi Prasad, **10.35 am;** Session by Vid. Manasa Nayana, **11.35 am;** Thyagaraja's 'Pancharatna Kriti' Goshti Gayana, **12.35 pm;** Music Programme - Vocal concert by Vid. Palghat Ramprasad, accompanied by Vid. Thirucherai Karthik on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. B.S. Purushotham on kanjira, **4.15 pm to 6.15 pm;** Procession of Conference Presidents Vid. Dr. C.A. Sridhar and Vid. Mattur R. Srinidhi, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kala Vedike, Kuvempunagar, **6.45 pm.**

- **Kumaravyasa Gurukula mattu Kavyaranjini Sabha, Mysuru:** Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Hindustani Vocal Concert (Devotional Songs) by Kiranmayi Desai, accompanied by Prasad Komar (disciple of Vid. Bhimashankar) on tabla and Venkatesh Kulkarni (disciple of Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath) on harmonium; Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath chief guest, #1315/2, 'Haripriya,' 3rd Cross Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sarada Vilas:** Srimadbhagavata Saptaha - Discourse Series by renowned Sanskrit scholar Pandit Gudebellur Venkatanarasimhachar, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 72040-43565]
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- **Kadamba Rangavedike, Mysuru:** Kadamba Rangotsava-2025, staging of play 'Che Kav Tu Champagne' by NES Amateur Theatre Troupe from Shivamogga, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

**[See EVENTS TODAY (Nov. 7) on Page-9]**

## MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Predator: Badlands (E)* | : | 9.45 am, 10.20 pm |
| *Predator: Badlands (E-3D)* | : | 4.40 pm |
| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)* | : | 9.50 am, 1.15 pm, 3.40 pm |
| | | 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Haq (H)* | : | 9.55 am, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *The Girlfriend (Te)* | : | 10.05 am, 12.45 pm, 7.05 pm |
| *Yajamana (K)* | : | 12.05 pm |
| *Brat (K)* | : | 1 pm, 7 pm |
| *Dies Irae (Ma)* | : | 3.30 pm |
| *Baahubali: The Epic (Te)* | : | 6 pm |

## MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *The Girlfriend (Te)* | : | 9.55 am, 4 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Predator: Badlands (E-3D)* | : | 10.25 am, 12.50 pm, 7.35 pm |
| *DDD (K)* | : | 11.05 am |
| *Rona (K)* | : | 11.25 am |
| *Brat (K)* | : | 12.50 pm |
| *Haq (H)* | : | 1.45 pm, 7.20 pm |
| *Jai Gajakesari (K)* | : | 2.05 pm |
| *Baahubali: The Epic (Te)* | : | 3.15 pm, 10 pm |
| *Innocent (Ma)* | : | 4.35 pm |
| *I Am God (K)* | : | 4.40 pm |
| *Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)* | : | 6.55 pm |
| *Love You Muddu (K)* | : | 7.45 pm |
| *Jatadhara (Te)* | : | 10.10 pm |
| *Dies Irae (Ma)* | : | 10.30 pm |

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